

The Alvin C. Ruxer Field

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My favorite historical place, Alvin C. Ruxer Field, is home of the Jasper Wildcats. It just so happens to be located a block from my house in Jasper, Indiana. I can hear the roar of the crowds and see the glowing field at night right from my back porch. I also like to hear stories from my grandpa about going to the field to watch baseball when he was my age in the 1940's.

The history of Ruxer Field goes back to the 1930's. My neighbor, Tommy Becher, would talk to me about playing for the Jasper Reds when the field was still Recreation Field. He would tell me the entire town would come out to watch the games on Sunday afternoons. I also like hearing about long homers like Don Mattingly hitting a homerun into the tennis court outside of right field or Coach Gobert wondering if Scott Rolen would hit St. Joseph's Church with a long ball.

But my favorite thing about going to the field is I get to sit back eating sunflower seeds looking to see actually how beautiful the field is. Ever since I was little, I have been a baseball fan. When I go to the field, I love watching baseball and learning how to play the game better. If you get lucky, you get to catch a pop fly that goes over the home plate fence. The bad part about it is you have to give it back to the JV players.

Above all my favorite thing about going to Ruxer Field is when I get to walk to the field with my dad, and we get to spend time together. Ruxer Field isn't just the best field in Indiana, it is the best historical place in Indiana!